



City of Mt. Juliet

Public Works Department

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Dear Mr. Karesh,

As you are currently aware, the City of Mt. Juliet is operating as a permitted MS4 Jurisdiction under the authority of TDEC's MS4 permit. Development in Mt. Juliet and Middle Tennessee is continuing at an explosive pace. Since Senate Bill 1830 and House Bill 1892 both passed and Governor Haslam did not veto the legislation; Mt. Juliet and many other jurisdictions are seeking a fair and legal path forward, regarding design of new developments.

Mt. Juliet does acknowledge that the current MS4 permit requires infiltration or reuse of the first inch of rainfall on site. Mt. Juliet did not write new legislation to achieve this, but made it mandatory for new permits by referencing the current MS4 permit with the State. Since the passage of House Bill 1892 and Senate Bill 1830, Mt. Juliet understands that it can no longer require treatment of the first inch of rainfall for new and redevelopment projects. Therefore, with new and re-development projects, Mt. Juliet will reinstate only the 80% TSS reduction standard to comply with the recent House and Senate bills as well as the adopted City ordinances. Per advisement from the City's legal counsel, Mt. Juliet will continue the 80% standard until a new MS4 permit is issued.

Understanding the possible legal nightmare the legislature may have created, Mt. Juliet wants to be transparent with its intended actions. Should you wish to discuss Mt. Juliet's plan of action further, please advise us as soon as possible. Additionally, please consider this correspondence Mt. Juliet's notification of change to the City's MS4 program, plan review process, and Storm Water Management Plan.

Sincerely,

Adam Meadors
City of Mt. Juliet
Stormwater Coordinator